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REMARKS

The Office Action of 04/20/2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected as being anticipated by Lee. The claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited reference. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite in part determining an information bit to be encoded; encoding the information bit as a function of the relative delay between signals propagating on said paths when said signals make a transition from a first logic level to a second logic level; and producing as an output signal said information bit according to the relative delay between said signals. No such combination of features is believed to be taught or suggested by Lee.

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Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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